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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Representative Dante Fascell (D., Fla.)
re Library of Congress Letter Dated 15 June 1969

1. I met with Representative Dante Fascell (D., Fla.) today to discuss with him the letter which we had received from the Director of the Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress, dated 15 June 1969. (Copy attached.) This was a followup to my contact with the Congressman's staff on this letter.

2. I told Mr. Fascell that we had been in touch with the Legislative Reference Service concerning the letter and had advised them that, in accordance with Agency policy and the provisions of law which apply, we did not feel that we could respond officially to their request. I told the Congressman that we were contacting him since we knew the information was being requested for his Subcommittee on Legal and Monetary Affairs of the Government Operations Committee. I added that we wanted to assure him that we wished to cooperate with him and to try to assist him with anything that he might want personally on this.

3. In talking about this with him, it was clear that Mr. Fascell wanted to include in his Subcommittee report something which would cover the Agency so that a reader would not wonder whether the Subcommittee had taken the CIA into consideration. It was agreed that we would provide him personally with suggested language which could be included in the report [redacted] indicating that the Central Intelligence Agency was precluded by law from engaging in law-enforcement or internal security functions but that it does work with or assist appropriate government agencies in making available to them knowledge and expertise which might be useful to them in carrying out their responsibilities. I am to draft this language and get it to Mr. Fascell.

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